

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JAMES JACOBS, JIMMY CARR, LUCY
SIDBERRY, JOYCE MESSICK, WILLIE,
MESSICK, EDNA ALLISON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MURPHY-BROWN, LLC, d/b/a
SMITHFIELD HOG PRODUCTION
DIVISION,

Defendant.

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 7:14-CV-237-BR

Jury Verdict.

This action came before the Court for a trial by jury before the Honorable W. Earl Britt, Senior United States District Judge, presiding, on the claims of Plaintiffs James Jacobs, Jimmy Carr, Lucy Sidberry, Joyce Messick, Willie Messick, and Edna Allison ("Third Trial Plaintiffs"). The jury rendered a verdict on August 3, 2018, finding that the Third Trial Plaintiffs established by a preponderance of the evidence that Defendant substantially and unreasonably interfered with the Third Trial Plaintiffs' use of and enjoyment of their property and that Defendant was liable to the Third Trial Plaintiffs for punitive damages. The jury awarded the Third Trial Plaintiffs compensatory damages in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 as to James Jacobs, \$5,000,000.00 as to Jimmy Carr, \$4,000,000.00 as to Lucy Sidberry, \$3,000,000.00 as to Joyce Messick, \$3,000,000.00 as to Willie Messick, and \$3,500,000.00 as to Edna Allison, and punitive damages in the amount of \$75,000,000.00 as to each plaintiff.

On October 15, 2018, this Court allowed Defendant's Motion to Impose Statutory Cap on Punitive Damages, reducing the amount of punitive damages awarded to the Third Trial Plaintiffs to \$15,000,000.00 as to James Jacobs, \$15,000,000.00 as to Jimmy Carr, \$12,000,000.00 as to Lucy Sidberry, \$9,000,000.00 as to Joyce Messick, \$9,000,000.00 as to Willie Messick, and \$10,500,000.00 as to Edna Allison;

On August 28, 2018, the Court allowed the Third Trial Plaintiffs' Motion for Pre-and Post-Judgment Interest and ordered that the award of compensatory damages shall bear interest at the rate set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 24-1 from the date of the filing of the complaint, October 17, 2014, until the instant date of entry of judgment, per annum and without compounding and that the total money judgment (i.e. compensatory damages, punitive damages, pre-judgment interest, and costs, if any) shall bear interest at the legal rate at the rate set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a) from the entry of judgment until paid, computed daily and compounded annually; and

On October 17, 2018, the Court allowed Defendant's Motion to Direct Entry of Final Judgment pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

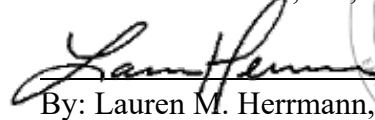
IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that Plaintiffs James Jacobs, Jimmy Carr, Lucy Sidberry, Joyce Messick, Willie Messick, and Edna Allison are entitled to recover from Defendant Murphy-Brown, LLC in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 as to James Jacobs, \$5,000,000.00 as to Jimmy Carr, \$4,000,000.00 as to Lucy Sidberry, \$3,000,000.00 as to Joyce Messick, \$3,000,000.00 as to Willie Messick, and \$3,500,000.00 as to Edna Allison in compensatory damages and \$15,000,000.00 as to James Jacobs, \$15,000,000.00 as to Jimmy Carr, \$12,000,000.00 as to Lucy Sidberry, \$9,000,000.00 as to Joyce Messick, \$9,000,000.00 as to Willie Messick, and \$10,500,000.00 as to Edna Allison in punitive damages, with interest accruing on the compensatory damages at the rate set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 24-1 from the date of the filing of the complaint, October 17, 2014, until the instant date of judgment, per annum and without compounding, and that the total money judgment shall bear interest at the legal rate at until paid in full.

This Judgment filed and entered on October 17, 2018, and copies to:

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Date: October 17, 2018

PETER A. MOORE, JR., CLERK



By: Lauren M. Herrmann, Deputy Clerk

